**Promotional/Channels for the subordinate staff**

2585. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any promotional channels for the subordinate staff working in different departments under the Ministry of Communications;

(b) whether it is a fact that the administration has accepted in principle to give promotions to staff on completion of sixteen years of services;

(c) if so, whether this rule is also applicable to the employees working in the Savings Bank Central Organisation;

(d) whether Government have received any memorandum from the Bhartiya Dak Karmachari Sangh, Pandharpur Branch in Maharashtra; and

(e) if so, what action has been taken for applying the rule of promotion after sixteen years of service to the employees of the Savings Bank Central Organisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (e) The subordinate employees have been provided promotional channels by virtue of the structure of their cadres or through the 20% Selection Grade Scheme or the Time Bound One Promotion Scheme under which an employee is promoted on completion of 16 years of service if he is found fit. This scheme is not applicable to cadres which are common with other departments of Government of India. The Savings Bank Control Organisation employees, whose cadres have been organised on the pattern of LDC/UDC etc. are common with other Government departments and therefore they are not given benefit of the Time Bound Promotion Scheme. It is further stated that no memorandum from the Bhartiya Dak Karamchari Sangh, Pandharpur in Maharashtra has been received so far.

**Cases cleared for medical treatment abroad**

2586. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of medical treatment abroad cleared by the Ministry during the last two years, year-wise and till date;

(b) what is the detailed procedure to be followed by the applicants whose cases are cleared by the Ministry, for getting the foreign exchange required in each case;

(c) whether the cases which are cleared by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare are required to be referred by the Departments, in which the applicants are employed, to the Ministry of Finance for the grant of foreign exchange and if so, the name of the authority which decides about the amount of foreign exchange to be released in each case; and

(d) the details of the items of expenditure permitted to be incurred by the applicant and the attendant in this regard and what is the ceiling thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) The number of cases of medical treatment abroad in respect of Central Government employees/public sector employees and members of their families and Members of Parliament cleared by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare during the last two years, yearwise and till date are as under:—

| 1987 | 1988 | 1989 (till 4.8.89) |
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| 28 | 42 | 22 |

(b) The requests for treatment abroad are entertained in respect of those cases only for which facilities for treatment are not available in India. The applicants will have to send their medical history

and the certificates of the specialist in the concerned discipline recommending the treatment abroad and the hospital abroad where treatment is proposed to be availed of. Such applications are required to be sent to the Minister of Health and Family Welfare through their administrative Ministry. These requests are then placed before the Standing Committee of Experts set-up by this Ministry to consider such case. If the Standing Committee recommends a case, a certificate recommending the treatment abroad is issued by the Ministry to the Ministry/Department where the applicant is working.

(c) and (d) On receipt of the certificate from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare by concerned Ministry/Department that Ministry/Department will issue a formal sanction with the concurrence of their Associate Finance/Ministry of Finance for incurring the anticipated expenditure as estimated by the applicant. Entire expenditure on indoor treatment of the patient including to and fro air fare is borne by the government. If an attendant has been recommended by the Standing Committee, he/she is entitled to and fro air fare. The patient and the attendent are also entitled to 50 per cent of hotel accommodation charges in a hotel on the panel of the Indian Mission abroad and 50 per cent of daily allowance for the period of out-patient treatment.

No ceiling has been imposed on the expenditure to be incurred in respect of Central Government employees, which have been recommended by the Standing Committee appointed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

2587. [*Transferred to the 9th August*, 1989]

**सियाचीन पर पाकिस्तान का आक्रमण**

2588. **सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :**
**श्री राम जेठमलानी :**

क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले चौदह वर्षों के दौरान सियाचीन की भारतीय सीमा पर पाकिस्तान द्वारा कई बार हमला किया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसे हमलों की वर्षवार संख्या कितनी है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि पाकिस्तान के ऐसे सभी हमले भारतीय सेना द्वारा विफल कर दिए गए हैं ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सियाचीन विवाद को समाप्त करने के लिए पिछले महीनों के दौरान सरकार के विभिन्न स्तरों पर आपसी बातचीत की गयी थी, यदि हां, तो इस क्षेत्र में सेना की उपस्थिति के संबंध में कोई निर्णय लेकर तदनुसार सेना को हटाने के लिए क्या प्रबंध किए जा रहे हैं ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में रक्षा उत्पादन और पूर्ति विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री डी० एल० बेरा) : (क) से (ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान सियाचीन में लगातार कार्रवाई चलती रही जिसमें छुट-पुट कार्रवाई भी शामिल हैं । भारतीय सैनिक इन सभी कार्रवाइयों में सफल रहे ।

(घ) जून 1989 में रावलपिण्डी में सियाचीन मामले पर आयोजित भारत-पाक वार्ता के आखिरी दौर में दोनों पक्ष इस मामले को व्यापक रूप से हल करने के लिए इन मुद्दों पर कार्रवाई करने पर सहमत हुए—सेना को नए सिरे से तैनात किया जाए जिससे संघर्ष के अवसर कम हों, सैन्य बल के प्रयोग से बचा जाए और भविष्य में सेनाओं की चौकियों का स्थान इस प्रकार निर्धारित किया जाए कि वह शिमला समझौते के अनुरूप हो और इस क्षेत्र में स्थायी रूप से शान्ति स्थापित हो सके ।